IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 24 and 31 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

24. (Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

an input unit adapted to input image data;

a reception unit adapted to receive information of at least one of a size of an object and a distance to the object, for detecting a desired object, from an external apparatus;

a detection unit adapted to detect the desired object corresponding to the information received by said reception unit, from the image data input by said input unit; and

a transmission unit adapted to, in case that said detection unit detects the desired object, transmit a detection result of the desired object to the external apparatus.

31. (Amended) An image processing method comprising the steps of:

inputting image data;

receiving information of at least one of a size of an object and a distance to the object, for detecting a desired object from an external apparatus;

detecting the desired object corresponding to the information received in the receiving step, from the image data and

transmitting, in case that said detecting step detects the desired object, a detection result of the desired object to the external apparatus.